

# BAR HILL NEWS

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## ROADWORKS—RE-SURFACING OF A14



**Monday 4-Sat 9 February 8 pm until 5 am each evening/overnight**  
Closure of lane 1 of the B1050 – traffic signals in use.

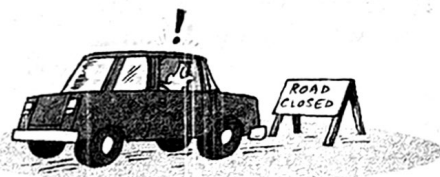
**Monday 11-Thursdays 21 February 8 pm until 5 am each evening/overnight**  
B1050 from roundabout at Crafts Way to the end of slip road which joins Hatton's Road (Longstanton) closed completely – diversion route

**Monday 25 February to Friday 8 March**

**Mon to Thurs 9.30 pm to 5.30 am**

**Fri 10 pm to 5.30 am (Sat morning)**

Resurfacing between Dry Drayton and Boxworth (A14 going towards Huntingdon) – road will be closed completely from Girton to Spittals interchange during the times mentioned. Diversions will be in place.



When this work is complete, the eastbound road (A14 to Cambridge) will be closed completely between Spittals interchange and Swavesey during the same hours. Diversions will be in place. The work will take approximately 5 nights.

**County Councillor John Reynolds has asked how residents of Bar Hill will be able to access their village when the A14 westbound is closed.**

**The Highways Agency answer: arrangements will be made to escort local traffic from the east and south going to Bar Hill west along the A14 through the closure from Junction 30, Dry Drayton.**

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**Copy date for the next issue is 15th February to Margaret Sellars at [bhneditor@yahoo.com](mailto:bhneditor@yahoo.com), or see page 2 for other contact details.**

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**The ¼ page ads are for local businesses and we guarantee publication.** This often results in a waiting list and, to help overcome this problem, we provide maxi and mini ads. These appear throughout the publication and we cannot guarantee their inclusion due to restrictions of space.

### EDITORIAL

There is no charge for **Articles, What's On, For Sale and Lost and Found**, and these appear at the Editor's discretion. Please submit items by 15th of the month.

All telephone numbers without an area code are Crafts Hill (01954).

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Dear Editor

Please, please, just get the **Barber's Shop** demolished and the site cleared. It is an embarrassment having such an eyesore for so long at the entrance to the village, as Bridget Small says in her letter, and Rod Bishop and Nick Richardson.

I suggest a lovely acer for autumn colour or the sunny yellow leaved acacia "Robinia" be planted on the site, not another building.

Yours sincerely

Dawn Stewart

Dear Editor: Could you please allow me a few columns in the BHN to thank my two sons and their families who organised a surprise **70th Birthday Party** for me at the Bar Hill Social Club. My wonderful neighbours from Gladeside where there, also my families from Cambridge and the shires, Kent and family from France. I don't know how they managed to keep it secret but they certainly did. It was a day to remember. Thanks to all. (PS Better than Kentucky Fried Chicken.) From George Dethridge, 10 Gladeside.

Dear Editor

Bar Hill may have a lot of community groups and activities but there are still people who, for whatever reason, are unable to participate. Working long or unsocial hours, family commitments, agoraphobia or mobility issues spring to mind.

There are also those who genuinely find it really difficult to socialize and make new friends. Others are afraid to venture out, especially on dark evenings, or when paths are icy.

My parents live in a small village and, since my mother became ill, the telephone has provided the best tonic for both her and my father, especially on "down days". Even if someone cannot visit, a ten-minute chat on the telephone has been a marvelous pick-me-up.

With this in mind I wondered if anyone would like to participate in a local "**phone a friend**" network. NOT a dating agency, no fees, just the cost of a local call. Would anyone who is interested please call Ros on 780787 to discuss ways in which to set this up.

Dear Editor

### **Tree/bush "dressing"**

It seems a few people in the village are practising the art of "tree/bush dressing": a small band of dog owners are cleaning up their dogs' mess, using bags ... good, but then, for some reason known only to themselves, they then proceed to throw the bags of mess into the nearest tree or bush ... WHY?

In summer they're probably hidden but, come autumn/winter after the leaves have dropped, they're on show in all their glory ... how sad to see a bag of s\*\*\* swinging in the breeze.

If you don't want to use a dog bin or take it home, and are really that sad, stupid and/or lazy, hide it where it won't be seen, but I and you know what you should be doing with it, don't we?

Please do what you are supposed to with dog mess ... take it home or bin it but, whatever you do, don't let me see you throw it in a bush or tree!

**LEAVE NOTHING BEHIND BUT FOOTPRINTS**

Nick Richardson

Dear Editor

I am writing to add my support to Rod Bishop and Bridget Small's letters in the December edition of the Bar Hill News regarding the **Barber's Shop**. It really is an eyesore - please can it be removed as a matter of urgency and a tree planted in its position.

Regards

Rebecca Conder

24 Field View

Dear Editor

If there is one thing I cannot abide it is "riders in the stand". The constant criticism of the Parish Council regarding the re-development of the **Barber's Shop/** Information Centre site is a case in point.

If Nick Richardson, Rod Bishop, Bridget Small and anybody else had taken the bother to either read the Council minutes which are displayed at the Parish Council Office, or attended any monthly meeting they would appreciate the ongoing problems the Parish Council has faced in moving this project forward. Parish Councillors are just as, if not more, frustrated by the delays as the rest of the village.

So in future, before putting pen to paper, get the facts first!

### **Bin collection:**

Who decided the bin collection schedule for Bar Hill for the Christmas and New Year period at South Cambridgeshire District Council, because it made no sense to me?

The black bin collection was as normal with two weeks between collections. However, the green bin collection was missed out entirely: this meant there was a four-week gap between collections. Given the health and environmental issues that could have arisen, it would have made more sense to prioritize the green bin collections.

Can our District Councillors Roger Hall and Bunty Waters assure the residents that this ludicrous situation will be addressed so that we do not have the same occurrence in the future?

John Doland

9 Robin Close

Dear Editor

### **Pensioner Attack**

The pensioner attacked in December would like to thank all friends and well wishes for their messages of sympathy and support and to assure everyone he is recovering well from his injuries received in this very unpleasant experience. If anyone has any information regarding this attack would they please contact the Police.

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**28<sup>th</sup> February**

HISTORY CHANNEL – Research a Cambridgeshire Church. At Cate's.

**13<sup>th</sup> March**

TIME FOR A SPRING CLEAN – 3 must keep articles, plus 3 items to consign to 'Room 101' give reasons for choice. At: Brenda's.

The Bar Hill group welcomes women of all ages, we would love to see you, do give it a try – it's only £1.00 per evening to cover costs.

If you would like more information, or someone to accompany you to a meeting please do not hesitate to call Bobby Colver on 781662 or Heather Wheeler on 781208. You can also find us on [www.nwr.org.uk](http://www.nwr.org.uk) - it's worth a look!



## "Thank you" from the Friends of the Rosie Hospital?

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**Yours sincerely**

Avril Williams

for Friends of the Rosie

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## BIRDS – WORDSEARCH 003

The 26 letters of the alphabet appear at least once in the names of twelve creatures. Can you find them? Reading forwards, backwards, vertically or obliquely.

## BIRD - ANAGRAM: RIPEGREEN



Solutions in March

## Solution to Wordsearch in December's magazine

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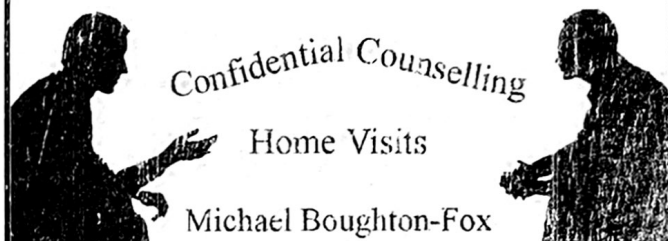
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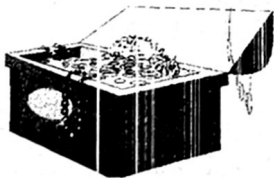
## POLICE LINK A SERIES OF ROBBERIES IN SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE

OFFICERS are linking 19 robberies and burglaries in South Cambridgeshire since November 4, 2007, where elderly victims have been targeted. The two latest incidents happened in Hildersham and Fulbourn last night, (Monday, January 14). The first incident happened at around 7.20 pm at an address in Fulbourn. Three men entered the house saying they were police officers. They then searched the property and left with an amount of money. The second incident happened at about 7.50 pm at an address in Hildersham. **Two men claiming to be police officers** entered the house and stole an amount of money and three shotguns. The **first man is described** as around 38-years-old, 5'6" tall with a stocky build and dark brown short hair. He had a round reddish face with stubble and was wearing a dark blue baseball cap.



The **second man is described** as around 45-years-old, 5'6" tall with a stocky build and stubble on his face. He was wearing a duffle coat with dark trousers and a hat. Detective Inspector Alan Page said: **"These offenders are not dressed like plain clothes police officers - they are wearing baseball caps and duffle coats. In almost all occasions when house to house enquires are being carried out following a burglary or robbery the officers will be in uniform."**

"I suspect that as the elderly have started to close the door on people claiming to be from the water board the offenders have now switched to claiming to be police. **They are using this ruse to trick people into showing them where there valuables are kept.**



**"These are despicable crimes and I would appeal to the community to report anything suspicious they may see. I suspect that the offenders are riding around looking for addresses to target so if you see a vehicle not local to the area riding around with multiple male occupants in an area where the elderly live phone the police control room saying you have a suspicious incident that relates to Op Promenade. An officer will be dispatched to check these people out."**

**People in the area are being advised to keep doors and windows locked and to call 999 if they discover someone in their home claiming to be a police officer.** Anyone with any information can contact DI Page at Parkside Police Station on 0845 456 456 4 or call Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

## Message from PCSO Karen Mahoney

Satellite Navigation Systems are now commonly seen perched on dashboards. It is not difficult to imagine the temptation this presents to the thief looking for some quick money. **It is vital that people are aware that they must remove 'Sat Navs' from their car.** If this is impossible, hide them in the boot. **Leave the glove compartment open** so that a thief can easily see that there is nothing concealed there. The holder must also be removed from the dashboard, if possible, and **any marks from suction cups should be wiped away.** If drivers do not take these precautions thieves may break into the car just to see if there is a 'Sat Nav' to steal.

Very importantly it is now possible to register your 'Sat Nav' system onto a **FREE National Database** [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) which will enable the police to prove ownership of the system if recovered and may well provide an audit trail to the thief. It is madness to leave Satellite Navigation Systems on show with nothing but a thin plate of glass to display and protect them.

## RIGHT STUFF TO BEAT THE BARGAIN HUNT BLUES

Help is at hand for shoppers who find the items they have bought in the sales may not be the quite what they seemed.

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*John Reynolds*

The Parish Council is concerned about plans by Tesco to **re-align the recycling area** in their car park. At the moment there are 4 or 5 trees and some low level shrubs which are screening most of this area from the residents of Robin Close. Tesco's plans involve removing this vegetation and re-aligning the tarmac to accommodate the new recycling units.

The Parish Council objected to these plans on the grounds that the removal of the vegetation – which is healthy and thriving – would leave the area exposed, and visible from the houses in the vicinity. Tesco have submitted an amended application which means it is for information only and the Parish Council is not able to comment on it – officially. The Parish Council is however planning to write to South Cambs, protesting about the situation and again giving the reason why they object. (See also Roger Hall's report).

If you feel strongly about this situation, please write to South Cambs Planning Department, making your feelings known. The plan can be viewed at the Parish Council Office.

On the subject of **lorries**, you will see from Bunty Waters' report that a meeting has been held with the Police to find ways of different agencies working together to alleviate the problem. The Police suggested more signs in the village, and one on the A14 if the Highways Agency will agree. Watch this space!

Margaret Sellars  
Chairman, Parish Council

#### BIN COLLECTION DATES

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This will keep you up to date on current affairs in the village including meeting minutes and agenda.

#### Wheely Bins

The Parish Council would like to emphasize that residents should, where possible, put their wheely bins back into their gardens once the refuse has been collected on Wednesdays. There are many bins that are littering footpaths which makes it extremely difficult for the elderly residents and mums with prams.

#### Looking out for one another

If you have an elderly resident living close to you, please keep an eye on them over these cold, dark nights.

#### Police Surgery

Karen Mahoney, our PCSO, is holding police surgeries in the Parish Council Office every third Wednesday in the month between 10am and 12 noon. If you have any issues you would like to raise with the Police please come along and see her. No appointment necessary.

#### Parish Council Meetings

The next monthly Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 21st February at 7 pm in the Parish Council Office and all members of the public are welcome to attend.

#### HANDY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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**Parish Clerk**

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#### UNDER ONES



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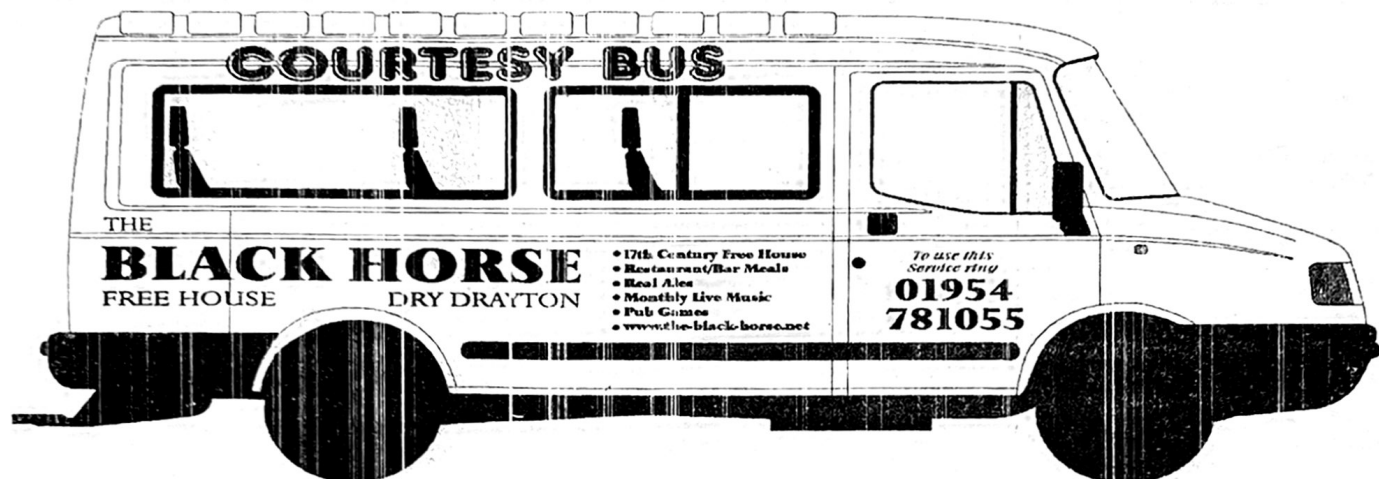
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#### Rising 5's session

This session is for children in their final year at Pre-School. This is a more structured session preparing them for school entry.

#### Session Times

Monday	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 - 3.00
Tuesday	Play tots	12.30 - 3.00
Wed	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 - 3.00
Thursday	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 - 3.00
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*John Reynolds*

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- 2 Membership Draw, Social Club
- 4 until March, Roadworks on the A14
- 7 Coffee Morning, Library
- 7 8 o'clock Club, SOS Children's Villages
- 11 Residents' Association Meeting, PC office
- 14 NWR - Mexico
- 15 Live Entertainment, Social Club
- 16 Membership Draw, Social Club
- 20 Police Surgery, PC Office
- 21 Parish Council Meeting, PC office
- 21 Family History, Library
- 28 NWR History Channel

### Parent and Toddler Group

Bar Hill parent and toddler group is a welcoming and friendly charity group run by a committee of parents to provide play and socialising for children (and parents) from 0-4 years of age. The sessions run



**Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:45 to 11:15am during term time and are held in the Octagon.**

Georgie runs both sessions and provides a wide range of activities which include **arts and crafts, puzzles, dressing up, role play and a wide range of outdoor toys (weather permitting).**

The cost of each session is **£1.90 for the first child and £1.00 per sibling up to a maximum of £3.00 per family or childminder.** Under ones are free if accompanied by an older child. This fee includes **refreshments** for both parent/carer and children.

For any more info' please call Hanna on 200232 or Julie on 780445.

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to the new term. We will be having **cake sales** on Wed 6th Feb and Fri 8th Feb - any donations will be very gratefully received, or come along and treat yourselves.

**Toddler AGM** will take place on Thursday April 10<sup>th</sup> - we will remind you all nearer the time.

### POSTAL TAPE SERVICE IN LINE TO 'POT' AWARD

Cambridgeshire County Council's Postal Tape Service (POTS) has been nominated for an award for its support of people with visual impairment. POTS is part of the County Council's Library, Archives and Information Service, has been put forward for the annual 'The Way To Be Awards' that are organised by Cambridge City Council.

Nominations for 'The Way To Be Awards' are made by members of the community who nominate people, services, shops etc, who they feel have made a positive contribution to the lives of disabled people.



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*John Reynolds*

### CAMBRIDGESHIRE IS JUST THE BUSINESS AT TOP AWARDS

A scheme which saw a massive drop in the sale of alcohol to children in Cambridgeshire scooped a top national prize at what is known as the 'Business Oscars'. Trading Standards set out to tackle under age drinking after a survey showed 58 per cent of the shops tested sold alcohol to children as young as 15.



Trading Standards formed relationships with local businesses and partner organisations to promote its 'Think 21' campaign. This encouraged check-out staff to ask anybody buying alcohol who they thought looked 21 and under for proof they were 18 or over.

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### COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVES GRANTS TO ADULT SUPPORT ORGANISATIONS

The County Council has approved grants totalling more than £71,000 to organisations working with vulnerable adults around Cambridgeshire.

Each year, the County Council invites organisations to bid for grant funding and the council has approved 44 applications for funding in the next financial year, an increase on last year when 37 applications were approved.

The successful applications come from organisations providing a range of services and support, including those:



- \* Providing care and social activities for older people
- \* Those working with people who have physical or learning disabilities
- \* Organisations offering advice/support to carers, the bereaved and those suffering from long-term illness, mental health problems or a traumatic event
- \* Community centres, community transport providers and organisations providing emergency aid
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During the holidays we have themed activities, which the children are involved in choosing, as they are with many other issues, such as outings etc - as it is their Club, they even chose its name. The children are given a snack, such as pasta or filled pittas, followed by a biscuit and fresh fruit. We also make birthday cakes to celebrate each child's birthday, which are shared.

We are registered with OFSTED, and we accept employers' childcare vouchers.

## Session Times

After School 3.10 pm - 6 pm Mon - Fri  
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Childminders with current vacancies are:-

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Debbie	Part time 0-5 only	201739
Hanna	Before and after school (5-8 yrs term time only) 200232	Friday (0-5 yrs)
Melanie	Call for more details	204496
Kirsten	Full and Part-Time (0-5 and 5-8)	200228

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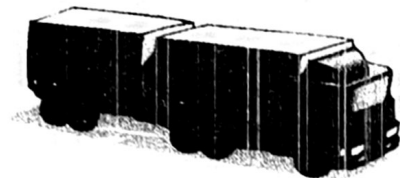
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### HGVs IN BAR HILL

Yes, action is ongoing regarding the HGVs in Bar Hill. At the last Police Panel meeting at Papworth the problems were highlighted. We asked that police act by



their physical presence in the village, over consecutive evenings and not on an ad hoc basis. Last week a meeting was held with the Parish Council and

the police to discuss the problem again. The fact that the lorries are parking illegally on roundabouts and on the highway was again reported and the police were asked to be active at relevant times to encourage the HGV drivers not to park in such anti-social ways.

### WASTE COLLECTION

South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) is asking residents to feed through comments about the waste and recycling collection arrangements over Christmas and New Year. Residents wanting to give SCDC their views should email [envhealth@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:envhealth@scambs.gov.uk) or write to Health and Environmental Services, South Cambridgeshire District Council, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne CB23 6EA.

### South Cambs Magazine

The communications team at South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) showed pride in their work when they walked away with two awards at the East Anglia Chartered Institute of Public Relations New PRide Awards 2007 in Ipswich on 5 December. South Cambs Magazine won Best Newspaper or Magazine at the awards ceremony. The magazine delivered to every household in the district keeps residents up to date on council services and issues that affect them. Communications officer Kelly Quigley deservedly picked up the award for Young Communicator of the Year.



### Roger Hall's Report

#### The 'Tomra' recycling unit facility

In April last year, I welcomed Tesco's proposal to replace the recycling bins in their car park with 'Tomra' recycling unit. A further planning application by Tesco indicated that 10 parking spaces as well as landscaping would be lost in the vicinity of the unit to allow for the manoeuvrability of the vehicles servicing it. Additional car parking spaces would be created by eliminating the wedges of landscaping - some of which include semi-mature trees - on the edge of the car park parallel to Gladeside and along Gladeside on the approach to the library and school.

I agreed with the Parish Council that the reduction of landscaping was unacceptable and this was supported by South Cambridgeshire's Planning Chairman's Delegation Committee. In particular, I objected to the reduction of landscaping in the vicinity of the recycling bins as the purpose of this is to conceal these, partly, (the trees being deciduous) from the residents of Robin Close. Revised plans received in December do not address the reasons for refusal laid down by the Delegation Committee and it is likely that these will be refused without the application being considered by the full Planning Committee. No permission can be granted, however, until Tesco pays the required fee.

#### Kerbside plastics' recycling - it's on its way

The District Council is now planning to introduce a kerbside plastics recycling collection. This is in response to many requests since the wheeled bins were introduced. A new facility at Thetford will eliminate the need for the bottles to be transported to China.

**Road congestion.** In general, I support the County Council in its application to the Government for funding to ease traffic congestion providing it is used to improve bus services in South Cambridgeshire. In particular, I would deplore any attempt to introduce road congestion charges before all villages in South Cambridgeshire have an adequate bus service into the city, which, to major centres, such as Bar Hill, includes late evening services. I also deplore the recent car-parking charges in Cambridge city, which are now 37.5% higher than those in Peterborough. When Park and Ride fares are per person rather than per car, many families in South Cambridgeshire cannot afford shopping in the city despite the opening of the Grand Arcade in two months' time.

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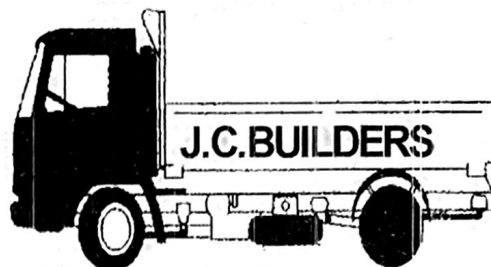


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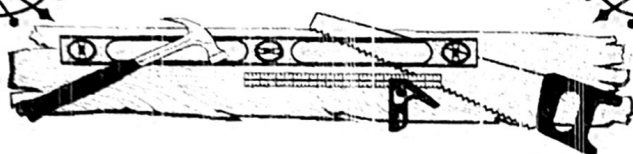
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### **Congestion Charge ?**

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**There is a sum of money available** under the Government's Transport Innovation Fund (TiF). I believe we could possibly get money from government for transport projects including the development of more facilities for cycling and walking, increases in bus transport, additional road capacity etc.

**We have put in a bid for around £500m.** It centres round an outline business plan involving congestion charging required by Government. That outline business plan still has to be refined; some of the figures are, we believe, optimistic.

May I remind residents have a local opportunity to view proposals and **ask questions** of Council officers at a roadshow on 12th February (3-7 pm) at the Pavilion on Girton Recreation Ground.

Many thanks to those who have written to the County Council and to me about these proposals. **We still need your views.** I would urge everyone to put forward his or her views, either in writing or via the online questionnaire. Full details, all 152 pages and more of the outline business case are available via the website link below.

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This is the 17th case of benefit fraud that SCDC has successfully prosecuted this year. People who deliberately set out to claim benefit to which they are not entitled should be aware that they will be caught and dealt with severely. All benefit theft is a crime and those found breaking the law face a criminal record. I'm very pleased with the hard work of the officers and the results that they are continually achieving. So far this year SCDC has:

- ⇒ prosecuted 17 people for benefit fraud
- ⇒ given four formal cautions and issued 13 financial penalties as alternatives to prosecution which total £6,271.03
- ⇒ found overpayments totalling £86,267.47

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#### **WEDNESDAYS** – from 20/02/08

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#### **THURSDAYS**

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### Friends of Bar Hill Library

The new year social for the Friends held on 11 January was very well attended and we had a few new members. We all enjoyed the wines and home-made

snacks. Quite a few took part in the interesting competitions with prizes for the winners.

There will be a Booksale in the library on Saturday 2 February 10 am - 12 noon, and on 7 February there will be the usual Coffee Morning. Everyone is welcome and helpers are always needed. We are looking forward to seeing some of our newer friends. The Family History team will be on hand to help researchers on 21 February 10 am - 1 pm and 2 pm - 4 pm.

Becky Proctor, the Curator of the Folk Museum, is coming on 4 March 2 pm - 4 pm to give a talk on "Old Toys and Games we used to Enjoy". Tickets will be available in the Library.

### Sports and Social Club

Membership draw dates for February are Saturday 2nd and 16th. The prize money stands at over £775! **You have to be in the Social Club with your membership card to win.**

**Guest Ales for February are - COURAGE BEST BITTER and YOUNGS SPECIAL.**

**There will be live entertainment on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March to celebrate St Patrick's Day.**

Don't forget the club is open from 12 pm to 12 am on Fridays and Saturdays. Come in for a coffee and chat with friends on a Friday afternoon in warm, pleasant surroundings - you don't have to drink alcohol!

If you're not a member come along and join.

Fancy working behind the bar on Friday or Saturday evening? If so, come in and talk with Pete, Barry or Lorraine.

See you soon!

*Julie Circuit*



## Cricket Club

Bar Hill have already begun preparations for their first season in CCA Junior Division One, with winter nets under way.

All members are welcome to the sessions at the Perse

**School in Hills Road from 9.30 am to 11 am every Sunday (except Easter)** between now and the start of the season. They cost £3 for adults and £1.50 for youth members. Lifts can be arranged - call the number below.



The first team begin their league season on May 3 and face some interesting trips over the course of the season as they are in the same division as Barley, Great Shelford, Ashwell, Burrough Green, Whittlesford, Longstowe, USSC, Thurlow and Cokenach.

The seconds, who were also promoted last season, **start their matches on May 10** and are in the same division as Chatteris II, St Ives IV, Abbots Ripton, Sutton II, March IV, Little Downham II and Blun-tisham II.

**The club is also aiming to run three youth teams in 2008**, at age groups to be confirmed.

Finally, **a few thanks are in order.** Firstly, belatedly, to all those who supported the club's fundraising quiz night and the mullet haircut challenge, which also raised money for the Teenage Cancer Trust.

Thanks also to Bar Hill Sports and Social Club, Andy's Kars and Domino for their support, and to Ash Curry, who performed the cutting duties for the mullet challenge. Not least, thanks to Phil Pelling and David Rush for allowing themselves to be "sculpted then scalped".

We are also grateful to all those who donated Tesco sports equipment vouchers, which have already been wisely spent!

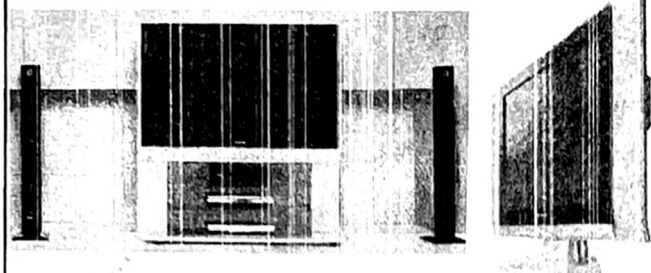
Further thanks are due, at the time of writing, to the Sports and Social Club for helping to fund the cost of a new mower.

Two final notices for members: **Membership forms** will be sent out in the next few weeks, and look out for a **golf day to launch the season's team building** - further details later.

Keep up to date with the latest news during the winter by visiting the club website, [www.barhillcricket.org.uk](http://www.barhillcricket.org.uk)

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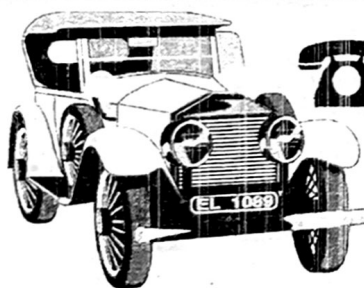
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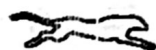
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You say 'yes'. The caller continues - 'I will be starting a fraud investigation. If you have any questions, you should call the 0800 number listed on the back of your card (0800-VISA) and ask for Security. You will need to refer to this Control Number. The caller then gives you a 6 digit number. 'Do you need me to read it again?'

**Here's the IMPORTANT part on how the scam works,** the caller then says, 'I need to verify you are in possession of your card.' **He'll ask you to 'turn your card over and look for some numbers.'** There are 7 numbers; the first 4 are part of your card number, the next 3 are the security numbers that verify you are the possessor of the card. These are the numbers you sometimes use to make Internet purchases to prove you have the card. **The caller will ask you to read the 3 numbers to him.** After you tell the caller the 3 numbers, he'll say, 'That is correct, I just needed to verify that the card has not been lost or stolen, and that you still have your card. Do you have any other questions?' After you say, 'No,' the caller then thanks you and states, 'Don't hesitate to call back if you do', and hangs up. You actually say very little, and they never ask for or tell you the Card number. But after we were called on Wednesday, we called back within 20 minutes to ask a question. Are we glad we did! **The REAL VISA Security Department told us it was a scam** and in the last 15 minutes a new purchase of £497.99 was **charged to our card.**

Long story - short - we made a real fraud report and closed the VISA account. VISA is reissuing us a new number. **What the scammers want is the 3-digit PIN number on the back of the card. Don't give**



it to them. Instead, tell them you'll call VISA or MasterCard directly for verification of their conversation. **The real VISA told us that they will never ask for anything on the card as they already know the information since they issued the card!** If you give the scammers your 3 Digit PIN Number, you think you're receiving a credit. However, by the time you get your statement you'll see charges for purchases you didn't make, and by then it's almost too late and/or more difficult to actually file a fraud report.

### What is identity theft?



Your identity and personal information are valuable. Criminals can find out your personal details and use them to open bank accounts and get credit cards, loans, state benefits and documents such as passports and driving licenses in your name. The Home Office website can help you protect yourself, advise what to do if it happens to you and suggest where

to get further help. It has been produced by the Home Office Identity Fraud Steering Committee, a collaboration between UK financial bodies, government and the police, to combat the threat of identity theft. Please take the time to have a look at the Website at: [www.identity-theft.org.uk](http://www.identity-theft.org.uk)

### Knit and Natter



Knit and Natter is a group for older residents in Bar Hill which meets in the Octagon (that is the Church Hall next to the Health Centre) on Thursday afternoons. We meet for



friendship, to chat, have tea and cakes and knit if we want to. We also have coffee mornings, outings, a garden party in the summer and a lunch and party around Christmas time. Everyone is welcome - many of our members do not attend the church - and transport can be arranged for anyone in need. Our amazing knitters produce clothing, blankets and soft toys for charities around the world. Just come along between 1.15 and 3.00 on a Thursday and you will receive a warm welcome.

*Jan Hewins,*  
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(If anybody finds any dead animals, or things  
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*Nick Richardson*



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 Saturday 6 pm First Mass of Sundays  
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**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Tuesday 6.45 pm (not after Mass)  
 Saturday 10.30 – 11.15 am, 4.30 – 5.15 pm, 7 – 7.45 pm

Details of other services are published in the weekly newsletter which is  
 available at the 6 pm Mass each Saturday – copies are available in the Church  
 Centre.

**Bar Hill Ecumenical Church -  
 Services for February 2008**



Sunday 3rd	10.00 am 6:30 pm	Holy Communion Taize Service
Sunday 10th	8.00 am 10.00 am 6:30 pm	Holy Communion Morning Worship Evening Prayer
Sunday 17th	10.00 am 6:30 pm	Holy Communion Evening Worship
Sunday 24th	10.00 am 6:30 pm	All Age Worship Holy Communion
Wednesday 27th	10.00 am	Holy Communion

**8 O'CLOCK CLUB**

7 FEBRUARY - Caroline from SOS Children's Villages will  
 talk about the work of this charity. The week 4-11 February is  
 World Orphan Awareness Week. SOS Children's Villages has  
 declared this week "A Wear Something WOW" event and  
 Caroline wonders if members would like to  
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## Happy Hours The Recycled Youth Club

On behalf of all our members may I wish all our readers a belated but nevertheless Happy and Healthy New Year, and may all your troubles be few.



**Last Year** We ended 2007 on a very happy note. Our **Christmas lunch** was held at the Menzies Hotel on Monday 17 December when some 70 of our members sat down to an excellent turkey meal with all the trimmings, followed by Christmas pudding and brandy sauce. A free raffle followed the meal with many seasonal prizes. Before leaving, every member received a gift. It was a most enjoyable day. We are all most grateful to Helen Collins, our new Madam Chairman, and the other Committee members for their hard work in organizing the event. We also thank the Hotel Management and their staff for making the lunch such a good success. Finally, many thanks also to the staff of our local Cambridge Building Society Office, who sent so many gifts for our raffle. The kindness shown by all concerned is well appreciated by all of our members. Each of our members who was unable to attend the lunch also received a small gift.

The following day many of our members joined with other senior citizens of the village at a **Carol Service** at Bar Hill Church. This annual Service was most enjoyable, and was followed by tea and mince pies. Many thanks to the regular members of the Church for making this a happy afternoon.

**Christmas Cards** Once again our members decided

not to send so many Christmas cards but instead to make a donation to a suitable charity. This collection amounted to £109 which has been donated to Addenbrookes Hospital towards the new cancer unit for teenage patients.

**Holidays** This year's Tinsel and Turkey five day holiday was to **Sandown, Isle of Wight**, where 34 of our members enjoyed a most happy time at the Royal Pier Hotel. We had several excursions, the most memorable being to Osborne House, Queen Victoria's beautiful home, where we enjoyed a guided tour around the house, following which we were provided with a good lunch. On what would have been our free day many of us took advantage of a two-and-a-half-hour boat trip from the sailing town of Cowes to the innermost parts of Portsmouth Harbour. We were able to view many of the well known naval ships, many of which are now being held on reserve. Our next holiday in mid-February is the St Valentine's break to **Eastbourne**. This year's spring holiday is at the end of April when we shall be travelling to **Torquay**.

**Raffle** Our first raffle this year will be held on Monday 6 February when the proceeds will be donated to the Wood Green Animal Centre.

**Entertainment** On Monday 21 January we had a talk from a lady about her work with the **Instant Response Team**.

**Sickness** Elsie Fisher, who spent most of the Christmas period in hospital, is now back home and making a good recovery after a rather major operation. We send her our best wishes.

*Dennis Holt*  
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## CAMBRIDGESHIRE IS TOP OF THE RUBBISH HEAP....AGAIN

According to the latest Government figures Cambridgeshire County Council has the highest recycling and composting rate of any Shire County or unitary authority. More than 48% of rubbish was recycled in the 2006/07 financial year. It is the fourth year running that Cambridgeshire has led the country when it comes to recycling and composting waste.

The County Council also leads the way in the UK for the lowest amount of rubbish per head that is thrown in the bin and is the highest authority of its kind in the country for recycling green waste – such as food and green garden waste.

South Cambridgeshire is the top Council of its type in the UK for recycling green waste – recycling 32.7 per cent.



## GETTING GREEN WITH THE GUIDED BUSWAY

People can find out more about the ecological work happening on the Guided Busway project in a special newsletter published at the end of November 2007.

The "Green Update" has information about how Cambridgeshire County

Council is protecting plants and wildlife during

construction, and how the Council is putting something

back into the environment to

compensate for disturbance caused by construction. The newsletter also contains an interview with the project's Ecological Clerk of Works. It can be found on the Council's website at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/guidedbusway](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/guidedbusway)

